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Supplementary European Search Report dated April 27, 2007 that issued in a corresponding patent application and having documents cited therein is attached for the Examiner's consideration. The cited documents are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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Respectfully submitted,

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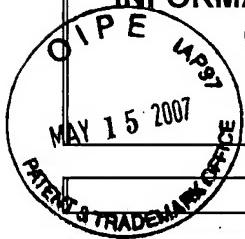


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## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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